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1. MINOR POLEMICS INVOLVING THAILAND AND ITS NEIGHBORS ARE CONTINUING IN CONNECTION WITH ESCAP PLENARY, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT SEEM TO BE INTERFERING WITH ACTUAL BUSINESS OF THE SESSION. AS PREDICTED REFTEL, SRV DELEGATION ISSUED A STATEMENT APR 25 RESPONDING TO THAI REPLY OF THREE DAYS EARLIER. TOUCHING FIRST ON THAI CHARGE OF VIETNAMESE INTERFERENCE IN THAI-LAO RELATIONS, STATEMENT NOTED BRIEFLY THAT VIET-NAM AND LAOS SUPPORTED ONE ANOTHER DURING WAR YEARS. SINCE SECURING TOTAL INDEPENDENCE," THE SOLIDARITY AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION "CONTINUE TO DEVELOP." THUS, VIET-NAMESE SUPPORT FOR THE LAO POSITION WAS "NATURAL AND TOTALLY CORRECT."

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2. MOST OF STATEMENT WAS DEVOTED TO RELATIONS WITH THAILAND, ALTHOUGH DELEGATION POINTED OUT IT WAS NOT IN BANGKOK FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT NOTED THAT VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH REPLIED ON DEC 11 TO THAI FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN'S LETTER OF NOV 15. TRINH'S LETTER REITERATED VIETNAMESE READINESS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES BASED

ON FAMILIAR FOUR POINTS AND NOTED THAT AUG 6 THAI-VIET-NAMESE COMMUNIQUE PROVIDED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS AND DEALT WITH OTHER QUESTIONS AFFECTING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT WENT ON TO OBSERVE THAT, SINCE OCT 6 CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT, RTG HAS "GROSSLY SLANDERED VIET-NAM, BRAZENLY REPRESSED THE UNLAWFULLY ARRESTED VIET-NAMESE NATIONALS, AND AT THE SAME TIME CARRIED OUT ARMED PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA." IT CONCLUDED THAT RTG HAD THUS "GROSSLY VIOLATED" AUG 6 COMMUNIQUE AND "OBSTRUCTED NORMAL RELATIONS." FINALLY, STATEMENT PROPOSED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES MEET IN VIENTIANE TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THE AUG 6 COMMUNIQUE, "IF THE THAI GOVERNMENT HONORS ITS COMMITMENTS."

3. BANGKOK POST APR 26 QUOTED UNIDENTIFIED THAI OFFICIAL AS SAYING RTG "WILL GO TO ANY TALKS WITH SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY." HE SAID THAT THAI WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ANY MIS-UNDERSTANDING OR OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS WITH THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO, OBSERVING THAT RTG HAS NOT REPLIED "IN KIND" TO NUMEROUS SRV MEDIA CHARGES AGAINST IT BUT HAS ONLY TRIED TO GIVE "AN OBJECTIVE ANSWER" TO THEM. AS TO REFUGEES, HE SAID THAILAND REQUIRES THEM TO OBEY LOCAL LAWS AND NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICS, WISHING THEY WOULD ALL GO HOME OR TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

4. GROUP CALLED "THE FREE PEOPLE OF VIET-NAM" HAS WRITTEN TO ALL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING OURS, SAYING IT DOES NOT "ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE AT YOUR MEETING OF THE BARBARIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR HOMELAND." LETTER NOTED THAT "WE HAVE FLED VIET-NAM BECAUSE LIFE UNDER THE TYRANNICAL RULE OF THE SO-CALLED 'LIBERATORS' IS UNWEARABLE BEYOND WORDS AND THE ONLY CHOICE IS FREEDOM OR DEATH* YOU CAN LISTEN TO THEIR WORDS BUT NEVER, NEVER BELIEVE WHAT THEY SAY." WHITEHOUSE

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